

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009, AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL, CAFETERIA**

Vice-President Akre called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except Setchell. Also present were: Quintin Shepherd, Bonnie Morris, Carol Schnaiter, Joyce Schamberger, Jessica McCormick, Jeff Thake and Jenny McCoy.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Olson to approve the following consent agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the July 23, 2009 Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- Application for Extension of Time to complete Health/Life Safety Work Items;
- Destruction of audiotapes dated January 23, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

In his financial report, Superintendent Shepherd began by stating that there's very little to report at the start of the year. "Nothing strange as far as bills go," he said. He's hoping that money flows from the state as they say it's going to.

Shepherd announced that the state anticipates making transportation payments this year and are guaranteeing that schools will receive their General State Aid money.

His next announcement was the cut in transportation for Smart Start. "It was a difficult decision but necessary due to budget cuts from the state," Shepherd noted. He recognized and thanked Lisa Moore, Smart Start teacher, for taking the initiative to contact parents to plan a carpool.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mark Becker to approve the current expenditures and payroll. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The next order of business was the Administrative Reports, which were reviewed as presented. Superintendent Shepherd shared information on being asked to take over the IASCD Leadership Retreat in Galena.

Shepherd shared information about his wiki site.

He then showed everyone into the newly renovated gym to observe the new bleachers and resurfaced floor.

Superintendent Shepherd discussed the School Emergency and Crisis Response Plan.

At 7:23 p.m., a motion was made by Tony Becker and seconded by Stephenitch to move to Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:43 p.m., a motion was made by Olson and seconded by Stephenitch to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mark Becker to accept resignation of Deanna Decho as Reading Paraprofessional at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Tony Becker and seconded by Olson to accept resignation of Jane Lovgren as Playground Supervisor at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Mark Becker to approve the transfer of Judy King as Bus Driver-Hourly to Bus Driver-Contractual. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Tony Becker to approve the employment of Michelle Havenar as Part Time Cafeteria Cook at the Amboy Junior High. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Akre to approve the employment of Jane Lovgren as Part Time Lunchroom Supervisor at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: "Welcome Back" luncheon, Friday, August 14 at noon and the next Regular School Board meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 7:00 pm in the Central School cafeteria.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 7:52 p.m. by Tony Becker and seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Olson, Secretary

Reed Akre, Vice-President

Approved: _____